

CARNEYS POINT TOWNSHIP MEETING
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
APRIL 18, 2012

The Regular Meeting of the Township Committee was held on the above date at the time of 6:30 p.m. Committeemen Newton, Racite, Dennis, Brown and Pelura were present. Also present at this meeting were M. Stout-CMFO/Administrator, J. Proffitt-Clerk, R. DiGregorio-Police Chief, E. Gilbert-Public Works.

Mayor Pelura called the meeting to order and read the **Open Public Meeting Act**. He led the **Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag**. **Roll call** was taken.

Mayor Pelura introduced Chuck Gibson, Jim Shriver and Bill Pappas from the Antique Auto Club of America to present a check to the Police Explorers for their assistance at the car show at the Salem County Fair Grounds. Sgt. Tom McDonough said the Explorers have help at the car show for the last four years. This year there was about 30 to 35 thousand people attending and hundreds of vehicles. By helping this defrays the cost to the Antique Auto Club and allows the Explorers to earn 500 dollars towards their annual trip. This year they are going to Washington DC. Sgt. McDonough said they are very fortunate to have support of the Township Committee and Police Chief DiGregorio. He said no tax dollars are used to fund this program and it is getting bigger and bigger every year. The three Antique Auto Club representatives presented a check for \$1,000 to the Police Explorers.

Motion **that all properly audited vouchers be paid** was made by Mr. Denis, seconded by Dr. Racite. Mr. Brown had a few questions on the bills. One was he asked about CPR training at the Fire House. Dr. Racite said this is 35 or 40 dollars per head to have retraining done in order to keep their certifications. He wanted to know if anyone in either the Police or the Fire House was certified to teach. This would be a savings to the Township. Chief DiGregorio said he is looking into getting someone trained to teach. Also, the SPCA euthanized animals why are they taken out of the County. Mrs. Stout said the Township went out to bid for animal services and the CCSPCA was awarded the bid. All were in favor.

Under **Consent Agenda** a motion was made by Dr. Racite, seconded by Mr. Dennis to accept **Monthly Departmental reports for March 2012** and all were in favor.

Mr. Dennis motioned to approve the **Administrative Comp. Time Report**, seconded by Dr. Racite and all were in favor.

Mayor Pelura asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the **Regular Committee meeting held on April 4, 2012**. Motion was made by Mr. Dennis, seconded by Dr. Racite and all were in favor.

Under **Applications** Mayor Pelura mentioned **Park Permit #14** being for a family reunion at the Rec. Complex on Sept. 1st. Mr. Dennis motioned, seconded by Dr. Racite and all were in favor. **Park Permit #15** is for the Ice Cream Social held by the Arts Alliance on June 23rd in Dunns Park. Motion was made by Dr. Racite, seconded by Mr. Newton and all were in favor. The Mayor mentioned **Educational Enhancements** for Ptlm. Kleban, Ptlm. Giordano, Cpl. Johnson and Sgt. McDonough to attend #3 Gun Seminar on April 30 at a cost of \$60.00 per person. Motion to approve was made by Dr. Racite, seconded by Mr. Dennis and all were in favor.

Resolutions 2012-80

REFUND TAXES

Mr. Dennis motioned to allow for a refund of taxes in the amount of \$179.62 to Block 82.02, Lot 2 for 100% Disabled Veteran Status, seconded by Dr. Racite and unanimous vote was taken.

Resolution 2012-81
OPEN NEW BANK ACCOUNT

Motion was made by Mr. Dennis to authorize a new bank account under Affordable Salem, Inc., seconded by Mr. Newton and a unanimous vote was taken.

Resolution 2012-82
DISCHARGE AND RELEASE LETTER OF CREDIT

Dr. Racite motioned, seconded by Mr. Brown to release and discharge a letter of credit for Willie Feldman of 100 Central Schoolhouse LLC. A unanimous vote was taken.

Resolution 2012-83
ADJUST MEMBERS ON THE MT. LAURAL SUBCOMMITTEE

Motion was made by Mr. Dennis to remove Edward Voyles and add Mr. Newton to the Mount Laurel SubCommittee, seconded by Mr. Newton. Mr. Dennis and Mr. Newton votes yes while Mr. Brown, Dr. Racite and Mayor Pelura abstained from voting.

There was no **Old Business**, to discuss so Mayor Pelura moved on to **New Business**. Mr. Brown commented on a letter he would like written to the County requesting them to look at the ditch and sluice gate behind 6th and 7th Ave. where the construction is going to be built. He would like them cleaned. Mr. Gilbert said he will address the letter to the County.

Mayor Pelura mentioned the Community Yard Sale on Saturday, April 28th. He said the Recreation Commission is hosting this event. Just call Brenda O'Donald to get your yard sale on the list. The Rec. Commission will do the advertising. Lists will be available in the front of the building late Thursday and Friday. Mayor Pelura said this is a very popular event and now the Habitat for Humanity is getting involved. They will collect any item left over and provide donation slips for tax write offs.

Public Participation: Joe Reis of Quillytown Rd. mentioned a noise complaint where he phoned the Police. He was given a copy of an ordinance from the Township on noise complaints. He said the Township ordinance calls for a decibel reader. The Township does not own a decibel reader so why is it still in the ordinance. Chief DiGregorio said the other party was spoken to by the Police. Mayor Pelura said the ordinance will have to be looked into.

LuAnn Thornton of Dolbow Ave. commented on the barking dog ordinance. She said she has phoned the Police numerous times about her neighbors barking dog. She has spoken to her neighbor but nothing has been done. Chief DiGregorio said she can sign a complaint against her neighbor. Then it will go before the Judge. The Chief said the neighbor could get a fine or just a warning. Ms. Thornton said her neighbor also does not cut her grass. Mr. Dennis will check with the Code Office about the yard conditions. Mayor Pelura explained the process of complaints in the Code Office. It may take a while but it is looked at. Mayor Pelura closed the public portion.

7.02 Mayor Pelura read resolution 2012-84

RESOLUTION 2012-84
TO READ BUDGET BY TITLE ONLY

Mr. Dennis made a motion to accept that all provisions have been met and the 2012 Budget can be read by title only. Motion seconded by Dr. Racite and a unanimous vote was taken.

Mayor Pelura spoke on the 2012 Budget and opened the meeting for Public participation. With no comments or questions on the Budget this portion was closed and Mr. Dennis made a motion to adopt the 2012 Municipal Budget, seconded by Dr. Racite. The roll call vote was as follows: Mr. Newton, Dr. Racite, Mr. Dennis and Mayor Pelura voted yes while Mr. Brown voted no. Mayor Pelura said the Committee worked hard and a lot of hours on this budget. He feels this is a good budget in rough times, with no layoffs and no increase. Actually there is a decrease.

Mayor Pelura reopened the meeting for public questions and comments.

Mark Foresman of Taft Ave. asked if the development on Georgetown Rd is going to get street lights. He also mentioned lowering the speed limit on that road because of the children. Mayor Pelura said the developer is responsible for street lights and they are put in according to their development plan. The Mayor said he hoped they will be put in sooner but it's up to the developer.

LuAnn Thornton said she has not gotten her trash fee for this year. Mayor Pelura said he wanted the Budget to be adopted first. They will be going out very soon.

With no more questions or comments from the public this portion was closed.

**RESOLUTION 2012-85
EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Mr. Dennis motioned to convene into Executive Session, seconded by Dr. Racite and unanimous vote was taken. The regular meeting ended at 7:08 pm.

A motion was made by Mr. Brown to reconvene in regular session, seconded by Mr. Dennis and all was in favor. The regular meeting reconvened at 8:26 pm.

Mayor Pelura mentioned he and Mr. Newton will be attending a meeting at the Second Baptist Church in Pedricktown. The DCA will be giving a presentation on shared services of Police Departments such as Penns Grove and Carneys Point. Mayor Pelura said this is not a meeting and there will be no negotiations. They are just going to listen.

Clerk Proffitt asked about codification and getting started. Mrs. Stout said now that the Budget is complete to go ahead and get the ordinances codified.

No further business to discuss, a motion was made by Dr. Racite to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Dennis. Motion passed with five affirmative votes. Meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Approved: 5-2-2012


June Proffitt, Municipal Clerk